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FROM SMITH FOR SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR SECTION OF COMMUNIQUE

1. THE FOLLOWING AD REFERENDUM DRAFT WAS TENTATIVELY
AGREED THIS MORNING. ARGENTINES STILL HOPE FOR SOME
LANGUAGE CHANGE WHICH MIGHT HELP THEM WITH CANADIANS
BUT I THINK THEY WILL SETTLE FOR THIS CHANGE. DELIVER
TO SECRETARY BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR BUENOS AIRES.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE
SECRETARY OF STATE EXCHANGED VIEWS ON IMPORTANT ISSUES
IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD. THERE WAS WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION
OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN ADVANCING THE PEACEFUL
USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, AND OF THE SHARED INTEREST IN
MEASURES TO PREVENT ALL FORMS OF PROLIFERATION OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS, INCLUDING THE BEARING OF THESE EFFIRTS
ON HEMISPHERIC SECURITY.

3. THEY DISCUSSED FUTURE COOPERATION IN THE
PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. THEY EXPRESSED AN
INTEREST IN INCREASING THE SCOPE OF THEIR EXISTING
AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION TO FACILITATE ADDITIONAL

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COOPERATION, INCLUDING RELEVANT TECHNOLOGY AND WAYS
OF MEETING ARGENTINA'S HEAVY WATER NEEDS AS WELL AS
PROVISION OF FUEL TO BE USED IN THE RESEARCH REACTORS
THAT ARGENTINA HAS PROPOSED TO EXPORT TO PERU,
RECOGNIZING ARGENTINA'S POTENTIAL AS A SIGNIFICANT
NUCLEAR SUPPLIER ON THE SAME BASIS AS OTHER
SUPPLIERS.

4. EACH SIDE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE RECENT

LAUNCHING OF AN INTERNATIONAL FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION, TO WHICH BOTH PLAN TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF SCIENTIFIC TALENT AND EFFORT. CONFIDENCE WAS EXPRESSED THAT THIS BROADLY-BASED INTERNATIONAL STUDY WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW NUCLEAR ENERGY NEEDS CAN BE MET IN WAYS THAT MINIMIZE THE RISK OF PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

5. THE U.S. REITERATED ITS COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO HALT THE VERTICAL PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. SECRETARY VANCE NOTED RECENT ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS AND IN NEGOTIATIONS RELATING TO A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY.

6. MINISTER MONTES DECLARED THE INTENTION OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO RATIFY THE TREATY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA. SECRETARY VANCE WELCOMED THIS ARGENTINE ANNOUNCEMENT, NOTING THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD PREVIOUSLY RATIFIED ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL II TO THE TREATY. SECRETARY VANCE DECLARED THE INTENTION OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO RATIFY ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL I TO THAT TREATY. MINISTER MONTES AND SECRETARY VANCE EXPRESSED JOINT SUPPORT FOR THE

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TREATY'S GOAL OF CREATING A ZONE FOREVER FREE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND FOR THE OBJECTIVE OF BRINGING THE TREATY AND ITS PROTOCOLS INTO FULL FORCE FOR ALL OF LATIN AMERICA. THEY TRUST THAT ALL STATES WHOSE ACTIONS ARE NEEDED WILL PROMPTLY TAKE THE REMAINING STEPS TO ACHIEVE THIS END.

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